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W.F. Raborn Appointed CIA Chief

Retired Admiral,
Polaris Developer,
Succeeds McCone

From Our Wire Services

JOHNSON CITY, Tex., April 11.—President Johnson announced Sunday the selection of Vice Adm. William Francis Raborn Jr. (ret.) as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Raborn, 59, will succeed John A. McCone, who is retiring.

DEPUTY NAMED

The President also announced the selection of Richard M. Helms, now deputy director for plans at CIA, as the new Deputy Director.

Helms, who is a native of St. Davids, Pa., will succeed Lt. Gen. Marshall S. Carter.

Raborn was the developer of the Polaris weapons program at the time that Vice Adm. Hyman G. Rickover was developing the Polaris submarine.

REGARDED AS BRILLIANT

Known as a brilliant scientist and officer, Raborn has been vice president and program manager of Aerojet General Corp. since he retired from the Navy in September, 1963.

McCone, a West Coast industrialist, took over the CIA job in November, 1961, under a recess appointment.

There had been indications as far back as early December that McCone had told President Johnson that he would like to be released from his duties to return to private life.

SIZE IS SECRET

The ultra-secret Central Intelligence Agency is the United States' most sensitive information-gathering organization.

Its actual size in number of employees has never been disclosed and the amount of money spent for its operation also is concealed.

Mr. Johnson announced the appointment, to newsmen after signing into law the \$1.3 billion aid to education bill at the President's old country school house near his Texas ranch. Raborn was present.

SENATE CONFIRMATION

Mr. Johnson said he did not know when the appointments would take effect or when he would send the Raborn nomination to the Senate for confirmation.

"I assume it will be at an early date," the President said.

He said he would be taking Raborn and Helms back with him when he flies to Washington Monday, ending a weekend in Texas.

ASK ABOUT REPORT

Prior to the education bill ceremony, newsmen asked White House Press Secretary George E. Reedy about a broadcast report that Mr. Johnson had chosen Raborn for the CIA post.

As Mr. Johnson was arriving for the signing ceremony, Reedy spoke to the President, apparently mentioning this query.

As he was leaving after signing the school measure, Mr. Johnson walked over to reporters and said he had "a little announcement that might be of some interest to you all."

Newsmen had wondered during the day about Raborn's presence at the ceremony. He was with Mr. Johnson on

a sight-seeing tour of Johnson City and surrounding ranchland, on which the President led a long motorcade of newsmen and tourists.

A native of Decatur, Tex., Raborn was appointed to the Naval Academy from Oklahoma. He graduated in the class of 1928.

MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY

During the Second World War he was a naval aviator and commander in the Pacific, where he was decorated for conspicuous gallantry while serving on the U. S. S. Hancock.

After the war, as director of the fleet ballistic missile system, he played a leading role in building the complex Polaris missile system.

He was named deputy chief of naval operations in March

Germany before entering Williams College.

After graduation from Williams, Helms worked for the United Press for two years before being named national advertising manager of the Indianapolis Times.

He served in the Navy during the Second World War on assignment to the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of CIA.

JOINED CIA IN 1947

After the war he worked briefly as a civilian in the War Department's strategic services unit before joining the CIA in 1947.

McCone, a California industrialist and Republican, succeeded Allen W. Dulles as CIA Director in the fall of 1961.

McCone, at 62, has held positions of high responsibility under the last four Presidents.

He was deputy to the Undersecretary of Defense in 1948 and Undersecretary of the Air Force in 1950-51.

In 1958 he became chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.



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Richard Helms, new deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

1962, and served until his retirement 18 months later.

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Helms, 52, attended schools in New York and Ohio. He was with Mr. Johnson on

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